Orders issued by Bureau of Public Enterprises

592. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 2679-C given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) has issued any orders to the effect that vigilance cases of only Board level appointees of public sector enterprises be referred to the Central Vigilance Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether CVC has raised any objections against the orders; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Bureau of Public Enterprises has issued instructions in a circular to Public Sector Undertakings stating that reference to Central Vigilance Commission may be made only in regard to such vigilance cases which pertain to Board level appointees in view of the fact that Government is the appointing authority for Board level posts. Such references need not be made for below Board level appointees.

In amplification of this circular, Department of Personnel and Training have clarified that the jurisdiction of the Central Vigilance Commission in respect of general powers of prevention of corruption and supervision, direction and monitoring of vigilance work in the public sector enterprises including below Board level appointees will continue as before. Consultations with Central Vigilance Commission with respect to vigilance enquires/disciplinary proceedings will be necessary only for Board level appointees. The Central Vigilance Commission has not written to Bureau of Public Enterprises seeking reconsideration of Government decision in this regard.

Postal Land Telecommunicaton facilities in Orissa

593. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the development of postal and telecommunication services in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *Postal*: During the current year (1987-88) 15 new post offices have been sanctioned for Orissa Circle. Further, on the basis of the assessment made so far, it is estimated that about 60 new post offices may be set up in the rural areas, particularly the tribal areas of the Circle during 1988-89.

Telecom: During the current financial year (1987-88), it is proposed to open about 8 new telephone exchanges, each of 25 lines capacity; provide about 90 long distance public telephones; addition of switching capacity by about 3200 lines and about 2500 telephone connections;. During the balance two years of 7th Five Year Plan (1988-89) it is proposed to open about 40 new telephone exchanges each of 25 lines capacity subject to availability of sufficient demand; one new electronic exchange of 4000 lines at Bhubaneswar; to expand Cuttack and Bhubaneswar Cross Bar telephone exchanges by 3000 lines and 1000 lines respectively; to open about 150 long distance public telephones; addition of switching capacity by about 12,000 lines and about 8000 telephone connections. A low-cost earth station at Phool Bani has been recently commissioned during this month and it is proposed to establish another low cost earth station at Bhawani Patna.